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MARIJUANA ECONOMY

Preferential treatment for today's growers if law passes

Jack Durham
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McKINLEYVILLE — A proposed ordinance that would regulate cannabis farming in Humboldt County would grandfather in existing growers with less arduous regulations, while requiring new, legal farmers to obtain conditional use permits.

This was among the issues discussed last week by the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC), which was asked to weigh in on the draft ordinance. California Cannabis Voice Humboldt (CCVH) – an industry group which wrote the ordinance – presented its draft regulations to the McKMAC at its meeting July 29 at the Azalea Conference Center at McKinleyville Middle School.

The draft ordinance would create a regulatory process that would allow growers to become legit, as long as their grows are consistent with state law. The ordinance would apply to unincorporated Humboldt County, not the cities, and would be for parcels five acres and larger.

Part of the motivation for creating a local ordinance is to prepare for the potential that recreational marijuana will be legalized in 2016. If this happens, the Green Rush in Humboldt may ratchet up.

"Our goal is for this to be a model ordinance, not just for Humboldt, but around the state," Luke Bruner of CCVH told the McKMAC.

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Bacterial barrage washes ashore

Tests imminent for E. coli sources

Paul Mann

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HUMBOLDT — Humboldt Baykeeper and Pacific Watershed Associates are poised for genetic tests and analysis to pinpoint the sources of the fecal bacterium E. coli in six Humboldt waterways deemed

"impaired" by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Corrective action hinges on the results of the new tests. They are aimed at finding the precise sources of the pollutant, although E. coli is known to originate in the guts of warm blooded animals (humans,

livestock, dogs, horses, birds, raccoons etc.). Other sources are faulty private septic systems, leaking municipal sewer lines and transient encampments. The bacteria can cause humans severe gastrointestinal distress.

Todd Kraemer, a hydrologist with Pacific Watershed Associates, a consulting firm

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AGAINST SOOTY SKIES



UP IN THE AIR Students with AC Samoa's PSG Soccer Camp practice skill-building exercises under the tutelage of French coach Morad Mouhaba Monday morning at the Arcata Sports Complex by the Community Center. The championship Paris Saint-Germain women's team is the among world's most accomplished. AC Samoa is dedicated to improving local youths' soccer skills. acsamoa.com, info.acsamoa@gmail.com KLH | UNION

Thousands of acres up in flames

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SIX RIVERS NATIONAL FOREST — As of early this week, hundreds of firefighters were battling more than 40 wildfires in the Six Rivers National Forest (SRNF) and nearby lands.

Fires near Ruth Lake, a Trinity County reservoir that supplies Humboldt municipalities, and a fire in the Denny area northeast of Willow Creek, had consumed nearly 17,000 acres as of Monday morning, Aug. 3.

The fires began July 30 and July 31 after a lightning storm swept across the North Coast, igniting forestland that's dry due to recent warm weather and four years of drought.

"This is an unprecedented fire event that is happening on this forest, and forests throughout California," Mike Minton, Six Rivers Interagency

FIRE A3

When bad things happen to nice fellas

Paintballed in the eye

Kevin L Hoover
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ARCATA — An Arcata man is working to preserve his vision after a nighttime paintball assault on L.K. Wood Boulevard. Humboldt State Police are looking for suspects driving a black SUV.

Sean Patrick Leydon was returning home with his girlfriend after a lovely night of karaoke at Richard's Goat Tavern Monday, July 27 at 1:25 a.m. when someone paintballed him from a passing vehicle.

Leydon heard "three or four shots" fired from the window of a black SUV that rolled slowly through the 14th Street/L.K. Wood intersection. The paintball gun made "a weird little chopping sound," Leydon said. "Like a chef chopping vegetables."

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Sweet music rig stolen

Kevin L Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — A musician's busy post-gig routine was ruined by a ripoff, and he needs his gear back.

When Michael Sargent returned home to 10th and N streets after a gig Saturday night, July 25, he unloaded his gear, set it on the ground and then went upstairs to "putz around" for 10 minutes or so. He left the music rig at street level, and that was all the time someone needed to snatch up and carry off his classic

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GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Timberland issues debated by Supes

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HUMBOLDT — Humboldt County's latest General Plan Update hearing included debate about the effects of changing timberland land use designations to residential with smaller minimum parcel sizes.

Timberland conversion issues were debated several times during an eight-hour Board of Supervisors update hearing on July 27. In reviewing the update's land use designations, supervisors fielded requests from landowners that often involved timberland parcels.

One of the requests was from Lee Ulansey, a county planning commissioner who is the founder of the politically-influential Humboldt Coalition for Property Rights.

Ulansey's request involved three non-industrial tim-

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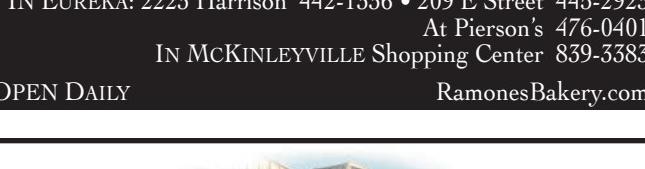


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TUESDAY FARM SCENE Left, Market Manager Sarah Brunner with her daughter, Annabelle. Middle, Lorna and Stephen Brown of Squeezebug, providing music. Right, Jayme Buckley and Rhiannon Wood of Bayside Park Farm.

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If it's Tuesday, it must be Wildberries

Tuesday is just enough time to have used up all the beautiful veggies you bought on Saturday at the Arcata Farmers' Market.

So grab your basket and head to the Tuesday Farmers' Market in the Wildberries parking lot, 13th and G streets in Arcata.

There may be fewer farmers but the live music, fresh produce, and bottles of organic olive oil will all delight.

The colorful vegetables, bright umbrellas, sunshine and accordion music from Squeezebug made it seem like shopping in the South of France last week.

Mara Segal, who faithfully chronicles the pets waiting for adoption in her *Mad River Union* column, "Dogtown" every week, was shopping for "supper for visiting friends." She bought some amazing looking shallots from the Brunner Family Farm booth that she was going to "sauté with the zucchini and squash" already in her bag from another booth.

Segal not only writes her column but she organizes volunteers at the County Animal Shelter to walk dogs awaiting adoption. This helps to socialize these animals, which can make all the difference in busting out of the joint, into a real home. What a woman!

Regulars at the Tuesday market include Earth'N'Hands Farm, Fieldbrook Nursery, Honey Apple Farms, Feral Family Farm, Bayside Park Farm, Happy Valley Olive Oil, Henry's Olives and Brunner Family Farm.

Gary Pepe of Happy Valley Olive Oil drives over from Southern Shasta County where he has "640 trees in my



♦ AT THE MARKET

main orchard and 150 more in Red Bluff."

He's proud to be one of the smallest makers of olive oil in California. He uses a tiny Italian centrifuge which can "process one ton of olives in eight hours when it's running good."

Contrast that to the big processors who can push 20 tons through in an hour.

Pepe offers a variety of oils from the Organic Mission/Manzanillo Blend to the smooth and mellow Artisan Blend. Some days he also brings olives.

"He's a start-to-finish guy," Sarah Brunner, the market manager, said.

At the Bayside Park Farm booth Ruby Perfection cabbages shared baskets with cauliflower, broccoli, kale and Tom Thumb mini lettuce, making a still life any artist would want to paint. These veggies are grown at the farm by a mixture of paid staff and volunteers.

The CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) is a project of the City of Arcata and folks can "subscribe" according to their website. Subscribers or shareholders as they are often called can pick up weekly boxes from the farm.

Jayne Buckley, in her third year as director, welcomes drop-ins "on open volunteer days, Tuesday and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. Volunteers will always walk away with veggies," she said.

The farm also has three month internships with five interns currently on site. "We're in our 22nd year," she said, "and we're open to anybody." Volunteers have ranged from college

age to elders.

Rhiannon Wood was also helping at the booth. She's in her first year as a paid staff member, coming from a background as "soupmaker at Renata's (Creperie)." Woods said, "I love it because I'm outside all the time. It's the best job I've ever had."



HAPPY DAYS Gary Pepe, owner of Happy Valley Olive Oil.

Wildberries has been hosting the market for four years. "It's in our mission statement to be part of the community we serve," said Aaron Gottschalk, Wildberries general manager.

They also pay the musicians. "We are so happy to sponsor the music," he said. "It's a win-win."

Olives, veggies, music, sunshine and the chance to talk with the friendly and knowledgeable farmers in a relaxed atmosphere make for a great Tuesday market.

Five reasons why you should join your local chamber

Which communities does your business serve? If you want to serve other businesses or community members in a particular area, then joining that local chamber of commerce should be at the top of your to do list.

The following are five reasons to join the chamber of commerce in the community you wish to do business in.

1. **Visibility** – Ribbon cuttings, grand openings, website listings, visitor guide and resource directories as well as advertising and sponsorship opportunities provide important visibility for your business. "Since joining the chamber, we have attended many of the mixers and it is a very nice way to learn more about the community and get more information out there about our Lions Club and what we do," said Cyndi Bainbridge of the McKinleyville Lions Club. "We enjoy networking with businesses and other non-profits to get ideas and receive help with our programs. It is much easier to spread the word to community minded individuals to make McKinleyville a better place."

2. **Credibility** – Research by The Shapiro Group and Market Street Services shows that when consumers know that a business is a member of their local chamber of commerce they are 44 percent more likely to think favorably of that business and 63 percent more likely to purchase goods or services from that business in the future.

3. **Networking Opportunities** – "In a small town, net-



MIX IT UP Ken Musante of Eureka Payments and Talia Nachshon of Six Rivers Brewery at a recent McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce mixer.

PHOTO BY HEATHER VINA

working is king. If you are new to the area or new to the business world, joining a chamber of commerce is an incredible networking avenue. With many mixers and events, being part of the McKinleyville Chamber gives business owners a chance to meet and help one another," said Art Bromberg of JB Maryn.

4. **Referrals and support** – Information requests from visitors, individuals relocating as well as other businesses and community members. "The McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce is a perfect place to network and meet other professionals to introduce yourself and your services. My experience has shown that members are loyal to each other and will refer chamber members business when asked by friends or family who they would recommend," said Barb Holbrook of Ceremonies by Design.

5. **Access to members only discounts and services** – "A chamber of commerce provides a host of programs designed to help small business owners grow. Joining the chamber has been truly invaluable to us as business owners," Bromberg said.

Ken Musante of Eureka Payments hits the nail on the head with his statement about being a member of your local chamber of commerce: "No one individual should or will agree with 100 percent of any organization's decisions. Being a part of the chamber in the area you serve will give you a voice in the organization and assist you in meeting and being a part of your community. And, as always, you will get out of it, what you put into it."

To find out more about joining the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce team and what it can do for your business, call Heather at (707) 839-2449.

Correction

Last week's news story headlined "Squabble rages on in the sandy outpost" misattributed some quotes to Director Salena Kahle. The comments were made by an audience member. A portion of the story should have read:

"I'm telling you that you're way out of line," Woolley said.

"OK, I'm out of line," Dengler said.

"I don't think she is," said an unidentified audience member, coming to Dengler's defense.

"I don't care what you think," Woolley said to the audience member.

"Well, I don't care what you think either," the audience member said to Woolley.

"Well, then you can leave," Woolley said.

"I'm not leaving," the audience member said.

The *Union* regrets the error.

County supervisors lobby for input from fur trappers

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT — As a state commission prepares to implement a law that prohibits bobcat trapping in wildlife areas, a majority of the county's Board of Supervisors is lobbying for more heed to the impacts on trappers.

At their July 28 meeting, county supervisors considered the implementation of the state's Bobcat Protection Act of 2013. The law bans bobcat fur trapping in the protected areas surrounding Joshua Tree National Park and calls for creation of similar no-trapping zones in other wildlife areas.

The California Fish and Game Commission, the law's implementer, is considering the creation of expansive no-trapping zones that would essentially ban bobcat fur trapping statewide.

A majority of supervisors has reiterated an earlier stance on

considering impacts on trappers and giving them more say in the implementation process. A letter to state legislators approved on the board's consent agenda suggests that economic impacts on trappers haven't been adequately assessed and public comment sessions have been located in areas skewed toward trapping opponents.

The letter asks for implementation that is "more scientifically-based and affords a more equitable due process to all stakeholders."

Supervisor Mark Lovelace pulled the letter from the consent agenda, saying he opposes it. "It seems to me like it's asking for a scientific basis or an economic basis for the banning of trapping when there is no scientific or economic basis to allow for the trapping," he said.

Lovelace added the letter's intent seemed to be "using process" to avoid action. "As long as you

have procedural hurdles, it delays the decision and supports the continuation of the status quo," he said.

Supervisor Rex Bohn said the letter is on behalf of the county's Fish and Game Advisory Commission. He described the implementation process as a pathway to a total ban on bobcat fur trapping.

"I kind of relate to this to getting a little bite of the apple, now we've had that one, so let's take a little bit bigger bite of the apple and then we'll have a full-on ban on this," Bohn said.

Bohn said although he doesn't have a strong opinion on the issue, "I do support the people that do," a reference to the county's Fish and Game Advisory Commission.

Board Chair Estelle Fennell said that although fur trapping isn't relevant to Humboldt County, she could support the letter with minor modifications. Other

supervisors agreed to the minimal changes and approved sending the letter, with Lovelace dissenting.

The letter is being sent in advance of a state hearing on the law's implementation that will be held today, Aug. 5 at the Riverlodge in Fortuna.

Also at the meeting, the board appointed supervisors Ryan Sundberg and Virginia Bass to a subcommittee that will propose a financial stability plan for the county's struggling airport system.

The county's Aviation Division is expected to have ongoing structural deficits of \$350,000 a year and received a \$500,000 temporary fund transfer loan in the current budget.

Public Works Director Tom Mattson said the airport system's deficit is reaching a critical mass stage.

"This year is probably one of

the most critical years for decisions on your airport division that I have ever seen," he said. "We've had some struggles but this year, we've hit a wall."

He added that new legislation may improve the situation. A state bill to "re-align aviation fuel tax revenues to the aviation system in California" will be advanced in 2017 and will "bring a significant amount of revenue into the aviation system," Mattson said.

He recommended lobbying for using the new revenue where "actual airport operators think the funding needs to go."

Mattson added that federal legislation "offers significant opportunities as well."

In appointing the subcommittee, supervisors agreed to set the end of the fiscal year — June 30, 2016 — as a maximum deadline for producing the financial stability plan.

E. Coli Effort underway to find source

FROM A1

in McKinleyville, said in an interview last week that tracing the sources of E. coli with genetic markers will begin later this month or in September.

"This technique will tell us the local animal sources of E. coli," Kraemer said. "In the past, we tested for the concentration levels of the bacteria. We have been developing our sampling plan during the past two months and expect to begin sampling itself in the near future."

High levels of fecal bacteria such as E. coli plague Little River, Widow White Creek, Martin Slough, lower Elk River, Campbell Creek and Jolly Giant Creek.

Humboldt Baykeeper found with its water quality tests in 2014 that Jolly Giant Creek had 600 times the acceptable level of fecal indicator bacteria.

The difficulty, said Baykeeper director Jennifer Kalt, is that the high level does not reveal the sources of the pollution. Hence the need for the genetic markers.

"We will do a new genetic analysis of Bacteroides, which will identify the different host animals that are contributing to bacterial pollution in these waterways," Kalt said.

"This newer method can identify not only presence and absence, but also the fraction of each host animal that is contributing to the pollution. This will allow

us to examine different stream reaches and identify possible sources. Then we can develop strategies to reduce the pollution from those sources.

"This type of study has been done successfully in many coastal areas and is ongoing in the Russian River," she added.

Pinpointing the sources is difficult and laborious, Kraemer explained, because so many variables are in play. Fecal bacteria mix with other pollutants. Levels fluctuate in tandem with night and day temperatures, with changing seasons and with the prevailing conditions in channel bottoms. "E. coli also vary temporally and spatially depending on the types of land use in each watershed," Kraemer said.

Many more data, including real-time data, are needed and the new genetic tests will help in that regard as well. The data used by the Environmental Protection Agency to rate Humboldt waterways were already five years old.

Do local pollution and the threat to public health continue to worsen?

"It is not known if it has worsened in our creeks," Kalt said. "We just don't have enough data. Our sampling from 2005-2012 was done two or three times a year, generally at one or two sites per waterway. So really it was just a snapshot. Much more intensive sampling needs to be done, but there has been very little funding available.

The 303(d) listing should help with that."

Kalt was referring to the listing issued in June by the EPA about Humboldt's impaired waterways. That designation will help spur the eventual development of a pollution control plan under the federal Clean Water Act.

The EPA's action in June affirmed the finding in August a year ago by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Board that the six Humboldt waterways should be federally listed. The board, the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services and Coastal Seafoods are assisting with the genetic testing and analysis. Pacific Watershed's GIS modeling and sampling scheme will help direct when and where Humboldt Baykeeper collects water quality data.

Humboldt Baykeeper began collecting fecal coliform data in 2005 and submitted them to the regional board.

Tracking and combating E. coli require constant vigilance — they are not one-time tasks, says Operations Manager Greg Dale of Coast Seafoods on the Eureka Waterfront. The company supplies some 70 percent of the oysters consumed by Californians and a clean Humboldt Bay is an operational imperative.

"This is one of those things we continually work at," Dale said. "It takes time to identify fecal bacteria, and then figure out what to do about it. It's like entropy in nature — the minute you fix it, it starts falling apart. But we get real good help from Hum-

boldt Baykeeper and both cities and an educated public that is careful about what they put down their drains. That means we can harvest oysters 330 days a year and people can eat them raw."

One of Kalt's highest priorities is future data collection at Janes Creek in Arcata. It flows into North Humboldt Bay, where three-fourths of the oysters sold in California are grown. The creek borders West End Road, which was formerly the industrial dumping site of immense amounts of chemical and wood waste left behind as the 21st century began by the Louisiana-Pacific timber company (now LP), followed by the defunct Humboldt Flakeboard manufacturing plant. Janes Creek and its adjoining wetlands were seriously damaged.

Regarding creeks and beaches, Heal the Bay's 2014-2015 "Annual Beach Report Card" on pollution graded Clam Beach near Strawberry Creek an "F."

The non-profit gave an "A" each to Trinidad State Beach near Mill Creek; Luffenholtz Beach near Luffenholtz Creek; Moonstone County Park, Little River State Beach; and Mad River mouth, north.

However, Kalt noted, the recent EPA listing rated several of those beaches, not just Clam Beach, as impaired by pathogenic bacteria, based on weekly testing under the Ocean Monitoring Program of Humboldt County Environmental Health.

Humboldt Baykeeper staff regularly post the county's beach monitoring results at swimguide.org.

Timberland | Lovelace odd man out on Board of Supervisors

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berland parcels in the Greenwood Heights Drive area of Kneeland. He asked

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supervisors to change their land use designations to residential agriculture, whose minimum parcel size is five acres. The minimum with the timberland designation is 20 acres.

Mike O'Hearn, the agent representing Ulansey, said other timberland parcels in the Greenwood Heights area now have residential designations.

He described the request as one that's consistent with the area.

But Supervisor Mark Lovelace said that timberland conversions "become a game of dominoes" as residential use incrementally spreads. He noted that the largest of the three parcels,

which is 103 acres, has limited road frontage and said it would be inappropriate for a residential designation.

Taking the podium, Ulansey said a domino effect of timberland conversions isn't likely due to the presence of industrial timber users and much less likely to be fragmented in any way," he continued.

While Lovelace was open to change the designations of the two smaller parcels, he held firm on keeping the large parcel's designation

as timberland.

But Board Chair Estelle Fennell said Ulansey's request is consistent with the neighborhood's development.

Other supervisors agreed and in a straw vote, Lovelace was the only dissenter in the approval of Ulansey's request.

A similar request from a landowner with a 41-acre parcel in the greater Arcata/Jacoby Creek area was also met with doubt from Lovelace.

The property owner told supervisors that a neighboring landowner is also requesting a residential designation with a five-acre parcel size minimum.

Lovelace noted that the property is adjacent to large timber parcels and again warned of cumulative timberland conversion.

"I'm tending to fall on the

side of looking at the larger parcels on the other side and wanting to use the adjacency argument there, in favor of preserving large timberlands," he said.

The landowner told supervisors his request is reasonable due to the presence of road access and developable areas on the parcel.

Supervisors agreed with the request, with Lovelace again dissenting.

Compromise was the outcome of another designation change request

from Craig Compton of the Green Diamond timber company. He asked that a group of the company's properties be designated with five-acre parcel minimums instead of 20-acre minimums.

The company's parcels are located in the Bayside area near the Jacoby Creek drainage of the Arcata Community Forest.

County Planner Rob Wall said five-acre minimums are inappropriate for the area and Lovelace noted that the City of Arcata

is working with Humboldt State University on the university's purchase of a "significant piece" of timberland for research purposes.

He said preserving large timberland tracts is aligned with those efforts. When Compton suggested a designation that would allow 10-acre minimums, Supervisor Virginia Bass supported it.

Bass described the company's land holdings as "a transitional strip" and discouraged being influenced by the city's and the university's goals.

"I'm not really thinking that just because some people are trying to hold together intact blocks of forestland, that that's a good reason to kind of dictate how big we think it should be," she said.

Supervisors agreed to Compton's compromise proposal, with Lovelace joining the unanimous vote. Supervisor Ryan Sundberg was absent.

The next land use mapping hearing is set for Aug. 27, when the board will review requests in the county's northeastern region.

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Humboldt Crabs: Mission accomplished!

Erik Fraser

HUMBOLDT CRABS

ARCATA — What else is there to say but "Wow"?

An unforgettable 2015 season of Humboldt Crabs baseball is now officially in the books, and what a season it was. The Crabs finished with a stellar 41-9 record, and put the icing on their tasty cake by rolling to the championship of the inaugural Humboldt Invitational Tournament with a perfect 5-0 record.

"This team, they're just outstanding," said a tired-but-beaming Tyson Fisher after the final out was recorded. "What they've done this summer is truly remarkable. You set goals and this team took those goals seriously."

One of those goals was to finish the season with fewer than 10 losses, and that goal seemed in serious jeopardy when the team suffered its seventh loss on July 5. But the team reeled off a 21-2 run to end the season and accomplished the impressive feat.

"They know what it takes," Fisher said. "The way that they approached the game here every

single day, it's awesome what they accomplished this summer. We had a solid group of guys that we could count on each and every day they were in the lineup to give us their best."

And perhaps they were at their very best during the tournament run. The Crabs opened up the tournament against the Pacific Union Financial Capitalists, aka the Pufcaps, a powerful young team that had beaten the Crabs twice in 2014.

The Pufcaps jumped out to an early lead 3-0 lead, but the Crabs, as they've proven all year, had no issues playing from behind. They got on the board when big Bobby Schuman uncorked his first – but not his last – homer of the season in the fourth.

They added two more runs in the sixth but were still trailing 4-3 heading into the eighth. That changed quickly when Allen Smoot doubled and Ben Petersen hammered a towering shot onto U.S. Highway 101 to give the Crabs their first lead of the game.

The lead was short-lived, however, as the Pufcaps answered with a tying home run in the bottom of the frame, sending the game into extra innings.

In the 11th inning the Pufcaps got generous, giving the Crabs the gift of two errors, and they took advantage, scoring four times to build a 9-5 lead. That was enough to survive a Pufcaps rally in the bottom half, and the Crabs hung on for a hard-



CHAMPS The Humboldt Crabs won the Humboldt Invitational Tournament with a perfect record of 5-0. The Crabs' record for the season is 41-9.

earned 9-7 win.

The Crabs cruised through the rest of round-robin play on Friday and Saturday, getting stellar starting pitching from Tyler Bennett, who struck out a season-high 14 batters in eight innings in a 13-1 victory over the Solano Mudcats on Friday, and Donald Robinson, who shut down the Auburn Wildcats for seven innings in a 6-0 win on Saturday. Oh, and Schuman homered both Friday and Saturday, and Smoot extended his hitting streak to 31 games.

That earned the Crabs the top seed going into Sunday's elimination portion of the tournament. And the first "victory" for the Crabs on Sunday came before they even took the field, as the Pufcaps, widely expected to breeze past the Wildcats in their 2-3 matchup, were completely stifled by Auburn pitcher Jacob Call, managing only an unearned run in a 3-1 loss.

The Crabs then took the field against the Mudcats, and once again, stellar starting pitching led the way. Justin Mullins threw a

complete game in his final start of the summer to earn his fifth win and set up a championship showdown with Auburn.

In the finale, Fisher handed the ball to their ace and Pitcher of the Year, Drew Weston. And as usual, Weston dominated, allowing just one run over seven innings. The offense, meanwhile, did its thing, scoring four runs in the fifth and five in the sixth to break open the game and put the place into party mode. Perhaps the only thing that went wrong all day was the end of Smoot's amazing hitting streak when he put up an o-fer in the first game.

But all that did was give the crowd a chance to stand and acknowledge the season for the ages that Smoot had in Humboldt. He set all-time Crabs records with 85 hits, 57 RBIs and 27 doubles, and batted .447, making the decision to give him the MVP award possibly the easiest in Fisher's baseball career.

"I've never seen anything like it," Fisher said of Smoot's sea-

son. "The guy was just unreal all summer long. I've never seen a hit streak like that, never seen a summer like that, never seen a season like that, period. Not only is this team one of the greatest in Crabs history, I feel like, but Smoot has definitely had one of the best summers in Crabs history, there's no doubt about it."

Once the game was over and the dog pile on the infield had been untangled, all that was left was awards and goodbyes. As mentioned above, Smoot was MVP and Weston was the Pitcher of the Year. The other award, the Heinig/Morschling Memorial Coaches' Award, was shared by Blake Edmonson, who played both pitcher and outfield, and Beau Bozett, the second-year leadoff hitter who sparked the Crabs' offense all year long both on the field and with his infectious enthusiasm in the dugout.

And so Season 71 is done, and it was a season that will be remembered forever by the Crabs family. See you next year!



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER Allen Smoot with his parents.

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Supervisors debate marijuana dispensary issues

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT — County supervisors were poised to adopt regulations for medical marijuana dispensaries last week but the absence of one supervisor and a variety of technical issues yielded a continuance to next month.

It's been four years since the county first considered an ordinance to regulate storefront dispensaries. County Planner Steve Lazar said that "somewhat chaotic case law" complicated the effort.

When approved, the ordinance will replace a current law that prohibits new dispensaries in county areas. With the potential for federal interference reduced, a relatively streamlined draft ordinance was presented to supervisors at their July 28 meeting for adoption or modification.

Supervisors did neither, citing the absence of Supervisor Ryan Sundberg and the need for clarification of the ordinance's terms and requirements. They continued the hearing to Aug. 18. The draft ordinance allows dispensaries in commercial and industrial zones through approval of conditional use permits. The county Planning Commission will use its discretion in regulating dispensaries, considering impact issues such as being within 500 feet of playgrounds, churches, residential neighborhoods and other dispensaries.

Dispensaries won't be allowed within 600 feet of schools

under the ordinance, which also prohibits onsite cultivation of plants to their flowering stage.

Operations manuals with descriptions of staff screening and security processes are required.

Supervisors disagreed on a proposed requirement that dispensary employees and license holders not be on probation or be convicted felons. During public comment, Luke Bruner of Garberville's Wonderland Nursery, one of the county's existing dispensaries, said new federal guidelines "prevent felony discrimination" and pending marijuana legislation will over-ride the ordinance's felony clause.

"As a pragmatic matter, a lot of people in this community have felonies that after November 2016 will no longer be felonious," he told supervisors.

Southern Humboldt Attorney Eugene Denson also objected to the felony prohibition. "In many ways, those people are going to be the people who have the body of knowledge that you want in your dispensary ownership and your employees," he said. "And in another way, they are the reason you are passing this ordinance – if they hadn't sacrificed, we wouldn't be here today."

There was disagreement during public comment on the ordinance's lack of a cap or limits on numbers of dispensaries. Nathan Johns of Hummingbird Healing Center recommended having a cap, saying it's unwise to "saturate the market locally."

But Denson disagreed, saying "let the market decide how many dispensaries we can have."

Supervisors also had different takes on that issue, with Supervisor Rex Bohn supporting caps and Supervisor Mark Lovelace opposing them. The felony clause was also a point of disagreement. When Lovelace started to say that marijuana crimes soon won't be felonies, Board Chair Estelle Fennell interjected, "But we don't know that yet."

Lovelace continued, "If the person's felony was for personal possession or cultivation of cannabis, or marijuana, to say you can't cultivate legally because you have a felony for this when it was illegal – that's the area I'd be interested in addressing."

Later, Fennell said, "We're dealing with the law as it exists today and plenty of people have skirted around the law."

Another uncertain aspect for supervisors is the use of the term marijuana throughout the ordinance. During public comment, one speaker described the term as "a racial slur directed at Mexican citizens and Mexican immigrants." But County Counsel Jeffrey Blanck recommended that the language of the ordinance be aligned with state statutes that also use the term marijuana.

With the ordinance's language, prohibitions and requirements needing further analysis, supervisors unanimously voted to continue the hearing.

Cannabis | Farmers would grow certified Humboldt bud

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"It creates a clear pathway for those that are trying to be legitimate, that are small farmers and already here. We're not talking about the new folks," Bruner said.

The proposed ordinance would set up a different set of rules for existing growers compared to new pot farmers who want to start growing after the ordinance is approved. Many of those growers now breaking the law would get grandfathered in, while new law-abiding growers would have to go through the arduous process of obtaining a conditional use permit. All growers, whether existing or new, would need to get a conditional use permit if their plant canopy exceeds 10,000 square feet.

"Philosophically, we need a bright line of demarcation," Bruner explained to the MCKMAC. "We have to separate the people who are currently doing it from the people that are going to come tomorrow and do this."

Bruner said one of the reasons for doing this is to keep the corporate growers from coming into Humboldt and taking over. Requiring a conditional use permit would, at the very least, stall an onslaught of new, legal grow operations.

A conditional use permit in this county takes eight to 12 months if you're lucky," said Isaiah O'Donnell of CCVB. "Realisti-

cally, it's two years. So we've pretty much closed the door to new growth for at least two years while we try to clean up the mess that's already out there."

How big is the mess? Bruner said that Humboldt has an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 marijuana farms, with about half of them being small "mom and pop" operations, providing people with supplemental income. The industry accounts for somewhere between \$2 billion to \$4 billion of Humboldt's \$5 billion economy, he said.

Although the existing growers wouldn't need conditional use permits unless they surpassed a 10,000-square-foot canopy, they would have to follow a variety of regulations, some of which they are now skirting.

The first thing they would need to do is register with Humboldt's Agricultural Commissioner.

"You'll have a one-year window of time to come in and register," Bruner said. "If you don't do this, you'll be treated like a new farmer."

The commissioner will register the growers as legal cannabis farmers as long as they can demonstrate that they have lawful sources of water, their water storage is legal, they're properly storing fertilizers and pesticides, they have a security plan for on-site storage of cannabis and they have a

business license. Growers would also agree to annual inspections.

Within six months of the ordinance being approved, the ag commissioner would issue "Certified Humboldt County Grower" certificates to registered growers.

This would help protect the Humboldt marijuana brand, known 'round the world as a high quality bud.

"It protects the brand," Bruner said about the certification. "That's only going to appear on people who are playing by the rules. If you don't have that stamp, you are not Humboldt County cannabis. You're just a knock off. You might as well have one of those fake bags they sell in San Francisco outside the Gucci store. That's not Gucci because it didn't come from the Gucci store."

Those growing 600 square feet or less of cannabis for personal use would be exempt from the permitting. However, if these growers sell any of their weed, then they need to go through the registration and permit process.

Existing commercial growers with no more than 6,000 square feet of plants would have two years to obtain all the necessary permits, including a seller's permit from the State Board of Equalization, a permit from California Department of Fish and Wildlife and a permit from the State Water

Control Board. The county of Humboldt would issue a ministerial permit, meaning there would be no public hearings.

Grows more than 6,000 square feet, but less than 10,000 square feet would face the same rules, but would also be required to have drying, processing and washing facilities, or would have to have a written agreement with a properly permitted facility elsewhere.

The most arduous regulations would be for grows with a canopy size larger than 10,000 square feet. Such grows would require a full-blown conditional use permit, which would require a public process, including hearings and approval by the Planning Commission. The process would also involve an environmental review, and could trigger the preparation of environmental impact reports.

When it came time for members of the MCKMAC to discuss the ordinance, committee member Craig Tucker said he wanted more time to think about the ordinance. The committee agreed to wait until its meeting Wednesday, Aug. 26 to take up the matter and give the CCHV input on the ordinance.

CCHV will likely gather signatures to get the ordinance on the ballot. If it successfully obtains enough signatures, then the ordinance would be brought before the Board of Supervisors. The board would have the option of approving the ordinance, or placing it on the ballot for voter approval.

OPINION

Label GMO pizza sauce, which doesn't exist, but ignore mutation breeding, which does

Science has scored some huge advances in recent weeks in the sky and in the news media, if not with politicians.

We found organic life-precursor molecules on Comet 67P, via Rosetta and Philae. Kepler found among the thousand-plus potentially habitable planets one that could be Earth's larger twin. The New Horizons probe revealed Pluto, the planet with a heart. (The entire Pluto mission, by the way, cost less than 1/10th of what Microsoft just wrote off over its purchase of failed Nokia.) We're closing in on those mysterious glowing patches on Ceres, too. Breakthrough Listen gained a \$100 million commitment to really listen for extraterrestrial intelligence. Some people think we'll find it, and perhaps be reading the Encyclopedia Galactica, within just a few years. Meanwhile, we're headed to Europa.

Perhaps in part because of these accomplishments, some of the news media seem to have figured out that science is more interesting than trendy folklore.

Liberal MSNBC has been rather hands-offish about GMOs, possibly due to tension between the science side (overwhelmingly in favor) and the view popular among progressives that biotechnology is all kinds of harmful.

Surprisingly, the network published a withering online review of Neil Young's new album, *The Monsanto Years*, calling him out on its lazy inaccuracies. MSNBC pointed out that evolution happened, human-caused climate change is real, vaccines are safe and GMOs are, too.

They didn't mention fluoride or Smart Meters, which as you may recall, were also supposed to kill and maim us but never got around to it.

There are other mainstream media reports that indicate new glimmers of respect for evidence-based findings on controversial issues, and GMOs in particular. Even progressive *Slate* is calling BS on the anti-GMO movement, which really needs it.

It's only natural to have a lag between the findings of science, the reportage in the media and the utterances of finger-to-the-wind politicians.

For the Republicans, that day seems far, far off.

They're still trying to have creationism taught in school, and even in 2015, with the planet melting, they mumble and misdirect about climate change. May-

be when coastal inundation strikes the South, they'll scale back the denial?

You expect more from progressives, because real progress away from superstition and ignorance would include an embrace of fact, wouldn't it?

No, it doesn't. Our liberal-progressive political leaders are just as comfortable going along with the mob as, you know, leading.

Bernie Sanders last week advocated insinuating alternative medicine – magic, for want of any better description – into medicine. His reasoning was illogical: alt-med is sensible because a lot of people like it. This is an argument from popularity, as though data is verified by popular sympathy.

Bernie supports food labeling for GMOs because it is popular among liberals, even if there's no food safety reason to do so. He even puts dumbed-down anti-GMO cartoon memes on his website.

Last week on MSNBC, Bernie implored conservatives to pay attention to science on climate change. Good advice.

It turns out that our very own congressman, Rep. Jared Huffman, is not above picking and choosing which science to observe. He opposes the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2014, which would prohibit states from enacting GMO labeling laws.

He and other opponents call this the DARK Act, again exemplifying the role that fear plays in the anti-GMO, anti-vaccination, anti-fluoride and other anti-science movements.

On July 23, Huffman posted a meme on his Facebook page ominously warning that without GMO labeling, "we'll never know that our pizza comes with genetically modified toppings..." It depicts what it says is "genetically modified tomato sauce."

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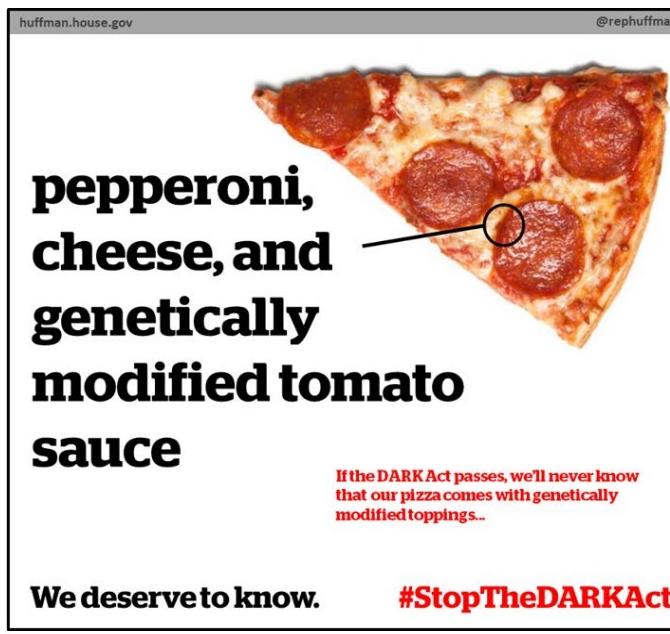
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The anti-biotech argu-



We deserve to know.

#StopTheDARKAct

UMMM... There are no genetically modified tomatoes, or tomato sauce.

GRAPHIC COURTESY REP. JARED HUFFMAN

had "GMO pizza" because their labeling law exempts cheese from labeling.

Huffman's scare meme is reminiscent of Mayor Michael Winkler's misleading message to Arcata voters from the council dais at City Hall last fall. He offered a somewhat more plausible reason for labeling genetically engineered food – so that a shopper could be aware of the origins of a food purchase.

Only those don't exist either. This was right around the time that Michael sent in a letter to the editor calling out his opponent, Juan Fernandez, for "inaccurate statements."

It's almost as though Huffman and Winkler are taking a *Minority Report* approach, advocating for laws against things that no one's done, and in these cases, have no way of doing.

Huffman was vigorously challenged over the misleading image. He responded by invoking the Flavr Savr tomato, which was sold briefly but hasn't been on the market since 1997.

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other more serious actions might help. And thanks to GE crops, *waaaaay* less insecticide is used compared to just 20 years ago.

The main problem with GMO labeling is that there's no reason for it, since there isn't any distinguishing biological mechanism by which GE food can harm anyone.

A million pictures of green babies or tomatoes with syringes hanging out of them won't change that.

The big question

Here's a most vexing question, one that absolutely baffles many who follow this issue: how does it make sense to fuss about GMOs and say nothing about mutation breeding?

This method is all but ignored by anti-GMO activists, and the resulting food can even be labeled "organic," yet it far surpasses GMOs in supposed areas of concern.

Mutation breeding involves bombarding crops with gamma rays to jumble DNA and produce a desirable trait via mutation. No one knows how many other genes are affected, since the

everything. But at least it tries, unlike ideologues who start with a belief and then look for factoids to confirm it. Science is a method for elucidating data from which conclusions can be drawn.

Findings aren't validated by popular sentiment, despite what Bernie Sanders may espouse.

But the best part is, science merrily tromps all over our foolish assumptions. Pretending, bargaining, and clinging to doctrine are only human nature, but eventually reality prevails, and that process is occurring now.

Just to show the need for serious education on this subject, 80 percent of the respondents in a recent poll said that all food containing DNA should be labeled!

Laugh, but maybe that would resolve the labeling issue – a pamphlet listing all known breeding methods included with every food item that has DNA.

Huffman, a supporter of STEM education, agreed that there are probably better ways to communicate on complicated issues than pics of imag-

	Hybrids (cross between two non-clonal plants)	Polyploids (whole genomes duplicated or added)	Mutation breeding (Chemical or radiation induced damage to DNA)	Crossing Species Barriers (interspecific crosses)	Transgenics (rDNA method to add a gene- "GMO")	Cisgenics (rDNA method to add a gene)
Examples in common foods	Almost everything	Strawberries, wheat, bananas, brassicas, others	Some bananas, pears, apples, rice, yams, mint, others	Pluots, tangelos, some apples, rice, wheat	Much corn, canola, soybeans, cotton, papaya	Coming soon.
Transfers genes from one species to another	Yes, sometimes	Yes, often	No	By definition	Yes	No
Occurs in nature	Yes	Yes	Yes, transposon movement, mutation from environment	Yes, rare, seldom fertile	Yes, Agrobacterium, other horiz. trans.	N/A
Human intervention	Yes, for crop improvement	Can be induced chemically to improve crops	Yes, to introduce variation for crop improvement	Yes, for crop improvement	Yes, for precision crop improvement	Yes, for precision crop improvement
Number of genes affected	10K to >300K, depending on species	10K to >800K	No way to assess	10-300K	1-3	1-3, usually 1
Know what genes moved or affected do	No.	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Know where affected genes are in genome	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Plant patentable	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Documented adversity	Yes	??	???	Yes	No	No
Environmental assessment	No	No	No	No	Yes	Will see.
Organic acceptable	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Time for new variety	5-30 years	>5 years	>5 years	5-30 years	<5 years	<5 years
Demanding label	No	No	No	No	Yes	Will see.

CONTRAST AND COMPARE Well-understood GE crops should be labeled, GMO opponents say. They ignore far more questionable mutation breeding. Yet neither method is known to have harmed anyone. GRAPHICS COURTESY KEVIN FOLTA | UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

His premise is that GMOs get agriculture "hooked on herbicides" such as glyphosate, which kills milkweed, on which Monarch butterflies are dependent. Indeed, many GMO supporters are skeptical of the herbicide-dependent model presented by the biotech industry.

Still, all farming methods require removal of competing weeds, and if it is not from an innocuous chemical, it will be from a cultivator or possibly the hoes of migrant workers.

Pollinator decline is bound up with industrial agriculture, development, loss of habitat and climate change. The feelgood gesture of labeling food doesn't restore the Monarch population any more than a Facebook *like* does, but creation of a "butterfly highway" and

Comment	Transgenic	Mutation Breeding
Number of genes affected	1-3, usually 1 or 2	?
Regulatory process	Yes	No
Safety testing in animals	Yes	No
Environmental assessment	Yes	No
Organic acceptable	No	Yes
EU Acceptable	No	Yes
Not labeled!	Labels wanted.	Nobody cares.
Number of altered genes in cultivation	Two main ones. Bt and EPS. Other minor ones in hort crops.	?
Plants patented	Yes	Yes
Activist opposition	Yes	No

produce isn't tested or regulated, even for environmental impacts. And they aren't even organic gamma rays!

As noted by Humboldt State biology professor Mark Wilson during his HSU Speakers Series talk last fall, no one has been harmed by mutation-bred food, or GE-derived.

Huffman hadn't heard about mutation breeding, but promised to look into it. The question is, wouldn't any serious review of breeding-induced hazards have included all methods in common use, so as to realistically weigh risks for constituents?

Why oh why aren't the anti-GMO activists doubly, triply concerned about mutation breeding?

You know the answer: because this isn't really about safety, or science. It's about tribal doctrine, which provides complete and comfortable answers, as opposed to that pesky old science, which annoyingly challenges our assumptions.

Science doesn't know

binary GMO pizza sauce.

"I don't disagree that we live in a world of sound bites," Huffman said. "I'll try and do better."

The bottom line is that GMOs, like venturing beyond Earth, offer the potential to solve many of our problems, expanding and enriching our lives. Our future depends on the science involved with these technologies.

GE food is providing solutions for thousands of farmers, improving nutrition, massively reducing pesticide use and greenhouse gas emissions, among many other helpful improvements.

Work is underway on crops that are less allergenic, more salt- and drought-tolerant, and nutritionally improved.

We're figuring out that there are much more urgent things than progressive agriculture to march in the streets against, and really fret about.

The GMO panic has peaked, and reason is roaring back.

OPINION

Don't forget to sign your letter and include a phone number, folks

Unintended dogsequences

Having lived on a knoll in Sunny Brae for 20 years I've seen a lot of change. The most notable impact in our quiet little corner was the development of the community forest trail system. With that came an influx of hikers, bikers and dog walkers.

I am a supporter of the trail system and consider myself a forest steward. Part of stewardship is reminding people to leash their dogs. Even with the most respectful request, some people take this as a major insult.

We live in the 500-foot buffer zone to the forest and all the houses that are adjacent to the trail have dogs. When dog walkers let their "well-behaved-would-never-hurt-anyone" dog run loose on the forest trail (or on the paved roads and in the gardens of Sunny Brae) it provokes the community of neighborhood dogs. All neighbors then have to listen to an onslaught of vicious barking.

Some of the properties along the buffer zone look like community forest but they are private properties. People tend to let their dogs run in these areas, also, and most don't carry a "doggie bag," if ya know what I mean. It is disconcerting to say the least.

I am not anti-dog and I would have a dog if I did not believe that keeping one in a suburban home was cruel and unusual punishment for an animal that needs to run and chase and hunt. Some of my friends are even dogs!

If we choose to live in the burbs, we subscribe to a community with laws and ordinances. Please keep your dog on a leash. Your dog will not know the difference, (s) he'll just be happy you're out on a walk.

Laura Diane Black
Sunny Brae

Supes ignoring the problem

Something that no one has mentioned in this whole corporation takeover of our county's mobile home parks is that both the Humboldt Human Rights Commission and the Area One Agency on Aging have written letters to the County Board of Supervisors requesting that they put the issue of mobile home park rent stabilization on their agenda, and these letters have been totally ignored!

Supervisor Sundberg claims that he will not put the item on the agenda because the MCMAC advised against it, yet that advisory committee only has members he appointed, from his district!

The Human Rights Commission has appointees from all districts and all supervisors, the A1AA has Supervisor Rex Bohn sitting on it, among other influential community members.

A few weeks ago, I attended a party at Patrick's Point State Park, unleashing a wave of nostalgia for the years my family enjoyed camping when I was growing up.

One of our favorite destinations was a state beach on Monterey Bay, where spaces in the improved campground cost \$3 per night, with a \$1 charge for each extra vehicle. That included piped drinking water, flush toilets and hot showers; day use was free.

The day use fee at Patrick's Point is \$8, camping is \$35 or \$45 per night and extra vehicles cost \$12. Reservations require an \$8 fee and cancellations cost \$7.50. I looked up the value in current dollars of the fees I remember, and it's about eight-to-one.

For our family, camping was affordable recreation. My dad said we had to buy groceries anyway, and gas was comparatively cheap at the time. We went several times a year.

More recently, camping has been practically converted to a dirty word. Because many people without anywhere to live camp in unofficial and unmonitored loca-

LETTERS

This whole issue is starting to smell bad, like HumCPR passed gas and it's wafting around the Supervisor's chambers. How can the supervisors continue to keep their heads in the sand when thousands of low-income housing units are at such terrible risk? Do they really think that ignoring it will make it go away?

This clearly constitutes a dereliction of duty to uphold the General Plan regulations requiring "...preservation of mobile home parks as an important source of affordable housing..."

Jean Browning
McKinleyville

Support mobile home rent stabilization

I urge the City of Arcata and Humboldt County to support rent stabilization for mobile home owners.

Corporate buyout of mobile home parks and the resulting rent increases is a huge problem for seniors living on fixed incomes. We know we live in a capitalist economy and that businesses need a profit, but mobile home residents need some "prediction" for anticipated future space rent increases.

The General Plan regulations require preservation of mobile home parks as affordable housing. Both the Humboldt Human Rights Commission (HRC) and the Area One Agency on Aging (A1AA) have written letters to the County Board of Supervisors requesting that they put the issue of mobile home rent stabilization on their agenda.

These letters have been totally ignored. Supervisor Sundberg claims that he will not put the item on the agenda because the MCMAC advised against it, yet that advisory committee only has members that he appointed from his district.

However, the HRC has appointees from all districts and all supervisors. The A1AA has Supervisor Rex Bohn, among other influential community members.

It's looking like decisions are being made for personal reasons rather than for the good of the community.

Carol Spencer
Arcata

Bad eggs

The U.S. egg industry is reeling from a colossal outbreak of avian flu, mostly among egg-laying chickens. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 48 million birds, accounting for 11 percent of the nation's egg-laying hens, have been slaughtered for fear of infection during the past few months.

The effects are far-reaching, from how

to dispose of millions of potentially infected bird carcasses to job losses and rapidly rising egg prices. More than 40 countries have restricted U.S. poultry imports.

Although the precise cause of the outbreak remains uncertain, the horrendous conditions in today's factory farms make egg and chicken production extremely vulnerable to disease outbreaks, and therefore, not sustainable.

A number of innovative companies have stepped in to offer plant-based alternatives that mimic closely the taste, texture, and cooking properties of eggs and chicken. They are available in the frozen food section of every supermarket.

Many of us favor replacing polluting fossil energy sources with clean, renewable ones. That takes concerted national action. But every one of us has the power to effect that same transition for our food sources every time we shop for food.

Sincerely,
Ernie Steele
Eureka

Grand Jury analysis

This is the third year in a row that I have written a critique of the annual Grand Jury report. In the past two years I have not been kind and have been critical of the grand jury members.

This will not happen this year as the problem is really with the system itself.

With the items that were addressed for the 2014-2015 year the grand jury did a credible investigation with notably addressing the corrections to be made.

I would ask if those items they investigated were what they were supposed to be doing. In bold letters below are taken from the Grand Jury web site of what the Grand Jury is all about and the duties and responsibilities.

The Grand Jury seeks to assure honest, efficient government in the best interest of the people.

Responsibilities

The civil Grand Jury is an investigative body having for its objective the detection and correction of flaws in government.

The primary function of the Grand Jury is to examine all aspects of county and city government (including special districts and joint powers agencies), to see that the monies are handled judiciously, and that all accounts are properly audited. In general, the Grand Jury seeks to assure honest, efficient government in the best interest of the people.

The Grand Jury serves as an ombudsman for citizens of the county. It may receive and investigate complaints by individuals concerning the actions and performances of county or public officials.

It is mainly about funds and numbers. In the past three years, outside of a few items, the main items were not addressed, which are, the departmental budgets, the

expenditures from those budgets, The annual audit. One of the main expenditures is personnel and pensions. This is administered by the County Union contract, that they call Memorandum of Understanding and is 108 pages and covers everything to do with personnel.

The union contract has never been investigated by the grand Jury to verify the validity and honesty of the contract. It appears to be off limits. Self investigation has never worked to the benefit of the people. Nothing, that has to do with the workings of the County, should be off limits to investigate.

One of the biggest problems is the selection process of Grand Jury members. There are no qualifications set for a member. Names are drawn at random of those that apply. The result is that most of the members do not have the skills to investigate what the Grand Jury is there for. Skills like accounting skills, budget skills, audit skills, management skills and investigative skills.

What usually happens is that They investigate what I call feel good items. Such as When a person is taken into custody and transported to Eureka and then released, the person is not informed of their right to claim travel expense to transport them back to where they were taken into custody. This is hardly a major expenditure item. There are other picky items that don't amount to much.

The one thing I object to personally is People volunteer for this position. It is not a job. As such there should be no compensation for the time or travel to and from the position. If compensation is accepted then you become a government employee. This again is self-investigation.

I have been volunteering at a thrift store for nine years and have not accepted a penny for my time or transportation. It is from the heart.

For those of you who doubt my ability to make an assessment of the Grand Jury report, I submit that I was a Grand Jury member a few years ago.

Alfred Parodi
McKinleyville

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Housing the unsheltered is a daunting but essential moral obligation

During June, an AmeriCorps team of 10 worked in Arcata, building, restoring and cleaning up local infrastructure. These young people camped out on a site next to Tomas Jewelry; using equipment and supplies furnished by local businesses and the City of Arcata. It struck me that they had some things in common with homeless campers.

They all have little money. AmeriCorps members work full time for room and board, limited medical care, a stipend of about \$4,000 for 10 months and some educational benefits. There are obviously lots of differences, too.

They had the permission of the property owner, their camp was supervised, they had tents, portable toilets and showers and security fencing. They didn't have to worry about their possessions being stolen when they were out of camp or police raids. It must have

tions, problems build up. Those places lack sanitary facilities and are sometimes overtaken by criminal activities.

The hitch was that opening a legal campsite is a lot more complicated than city officials anticipated. There are reasons it doesn't happen routinely. Neighbors are hard to get on board, and all the potential sites were in the Coastal Zone, where permits for any activity with environmental impacts are hard to obtain.

The Harbor District, which has interests in the area, placed two portable toilets at the site. That worked fine for about a month, then they were vandalized. They

looked like a pretty good deal to illegal campers on the outside looking in.

When illegal camping in the area behind the Bayshore Mall in Eureka became a continuing law enforcement issue, various proposals were offered. One sounded pretty good. The City of Eureka, which owns the property, would set up a legal campsite somewhere in the city and let the law-abiding folks live there temporarily until social services could place them in housing.

The Harbor District, which has interests in the area, placed two portable toilets at the site. That worked fine for about a month, then they were vandalized. They

were promptly removed – another example of the age-old principle of punishing everybody for the actions of a few.

If residents of a traditional neighborhood commit crimes, services to the rest aren't terminated. If the purpose of the toilets was to reduce human waste being deposited in the bushes, taking them out didn't serve that purpose. Is it better to give people who want to keep the area cleaner a place to go, or force them back to relieving themselves wherever they can?

Here's the deal: there is no easy, single solution that will get all of the hundreds of unhoused people in Humboldt sheltered quickly, and even if there was, some people would object to it. But important improvements are being made, by government programs, by private programs such as the Betty Chinn Center, by churches and individuals who help however they can.

The biggest obstacle is the blame game. The AmeriCorps members who camped out while they were here working were mostly welcome, because they

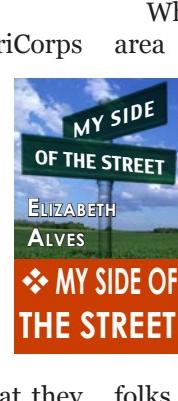
were contributing to the community. Homeless campers are rarely welcome, and there is no simple way for them to contribute to the community in ways that are recognized and rewarded.

There are lots of ways to reduce the unsheltered population, including rapid rehousing, legal camp grounds and even tiny houses. Combining them is the only way to make significant progress. Some are quick, while others take years.

Some Eureka officials opposed the legal campground plan, saying that the money should be spent on permanent housing instead. But that would take years, and there are people living in the bushes right now. According to the most recent survey, three percent of them are children under the age of 18, and another three percent are seniors 65 and older.

That's just plain wrong.

Elizabeth Alves notes that nostalgia is something else a lot of people can't afford. Comments and suggestions are welcome care of the Union or to myside-street@gmail.com.





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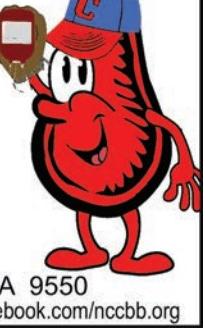


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A BIRD IN A FLIGHT Actor James Gadd, who plays Bert the chimney sweep in Humboldt Light Opera Company's *Mary Poppins*, takes to the air.

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Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

VAN DUZER THEATRE – Fiona Ryder, poised and proper, umbrella in hand, descended from the skies to land on the stage at the Van Duzer Theatre, much to the delight of the packed house on the opening night of Humboldt Light Opera Company's production of *Mary Poppins*.

While the actress playing the iconic nanny makes flying look easy, the stunt is difficult, physically challenging and requires a small crew and the assistance of an out-of-the-area company that specializes in theatrical flying.

William Courson of Hall Associates Flying Effects, based in Illinois, was at the Van Duzer Theatre for three days last week teaching a crew and cast members how to operate the flying machine. Courson also choreographed the scenes.

"I'm a rigger, I'm a choreographer and

sometimes I'm a counselor," said Courson, the flying director for *Mary Poppins*.

Actors and a three-person crew got a crash course in flying, learning – most importantly – not to crash. Safety, Courson said, is of the utmost importance.

Courson asked a *Union* photographer to refrain from taking detailed photos of the harnesses and ropes. He explained that part of the motivation is to protect the design from being seen by competitors.

But even more important is preventing theater companies from trying to rig up their own flying machines. The actors are 20 to 25 feet in the air, and if something goes wrong, he warned, they could be hurt or killed.

"It's amazing how fast things can go wrong," Courson said.

"I want to make sure everyone is safe and everyone knows how it works," he added.

During practice last week, the cast and

crew were making steady progress, which meant that Courson could leave before opening night and head to Massachusetts, where he'll help an East Coast theater company prepare for its upcoming production of *Mary Poppins*.

The star of the Humboldt Light Opera Company's show, Ryder, said that the flying is exhilarating and adds a special element to the show.

"It's fun in the moment you're doing it," Ryder said. The audience, she added, loves the effect. "You can feel the magic," Ryder said. "It's creating something you always dreamed of doing."

But flying is also exhausting. Despite wearing bicycle shorts and padding under the harness, Ryder said she can still feel scar tissue and redness from the device. "It's really exhausting," she said.

Ryder said that when flying "you have to be really present" and constantly thinking

about where you're going and what you're doing. The crew operating the ropes – which includes Ryder's father, Bill Ryder – controls where the actors go and where they land. But while in the air, there's still acting and singing to be done.

When playing *Mary Poppins*, Ryder keeps the flying in character: "She's prim and proper and very efficient." So, as tempting as it may be, Ryder won't be flying around waving her arms and acting like Peter Pan. "She's no-nonsense," Ryder said about her character.

In contrast is the flying of Miss Andrews, the tyrannical villain, played by Liz Erenberger.

"For my flight, I look very out of control," Erenberger said during practice.

See the actors fly during performances of *Mary Poppins*, which continues through Aug. 16 at HSU's Van Duzer Theatre.

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MARY POPPINS! Humboldt Light Opera Company opened their much-anticipated production of *Mary Poppins* (starring James Gadd as Bert and Fiona Ryder as Mary) last Friday.

PHOTO BY DERREN RASEN

Lauraine Leblanc
MAD RIVER UNION

VAN DUZER THEATRE – What can one say about Humboldt Light Opera Company's (HLOC) production of *Mary Poppins* other than supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!?

Originally described as what to say when you have nothing to say, the word has since been defined by Richard Lederer in *Crazy English* as: super- "above," cali- "beauty," fragilistic- "delicate," expiali- "to atone" and -docious "educable" or, all together now, "atoning for extreme and delicate beauty while being highly educable."

And, yes, HLOC's *Mary Poppins* is all that. The production is epic, with 50 or so people on stage at once, mammoth mov-

able set parts and complex choreographies. On opening night, the show clocked in at just under three hours.

The stage production is true to the film, with omissions, some lamented (the penguin dance and Mrs. Banks scamping for women's suffrage) and others not ("I Love to Laugh"). The drama are more fleshed out, especially in the depiction of George Banks and the enhancement of the subtext of Edwardian class conflict.

Indisputably, the star of this show is Mary Poppins incarnate, Fiona Ryder, whose gorgeous voice fills the Van Duzer and whose line deliveries and posture show how closely she studied Julie Andrew's iconic performance in the 1964

MARY POPPINS ♦ B2



FRUMBOLDT Native Arcata singer-songwriter Carrie Ferguson performs at the Arcata Playhouse on Thursday, Aug. 13, along with Afro-Celtic-Funk dance band The Gaslight Tinkers.

Janie Volkmar
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE – Carrie Ferguson was born and raised in Arcata, but this will be her first performance in town. She attended Arcata High and Humboldt State, but left in 1990 to attend school in Western Massachusetts.

It was supposed to be a year away but, as can happen, she's still there.

Now, singer-songwriter Ferguson is coming back to perform at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Thursday, Aug. 13 and she's bringing some friends too.

"I can't not dance when The Gaslight Tinkers play," she said. The Gaslight Tinkers play a mix of old-time melodies and world rhythms. Ferguson will play a set of

originals, The Gaslight Tinkers will play a set, and then they'll all collaborate.

Ferguson's is a homecoming in more ways than one. She has deep roots in the building that houses the Arcata Playhouse. When she was in the fourth through ninth grades, she said, she acted in at least a dozen shows in what was then The Pacific Arts Center, home to many local theater productions. "My first role," she said, "was a baby troll in Peer Gynt. I crawled out from under the stage in a mask and yelled, 'Roast him on a stick!'"

"It was a huge part of my childhood," she said. "Mostly I was a 'townspeople', generic mourner or generic frolicer. Once my underwear fell off. I kept spreading my

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MARY POPPINS Humboldt Light Opera Company presents a singing, dancing adventure with the original Super nanny, her chimney sweeping pal and a spoonful of sugar at HSU's Van Duzer Theatre. The musical runs through Aug. 16, Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. (707) 630-5013

WORLD DANCE The Humboldt Folk Dancers invite the public to a live music World Dance Party Friday, Aug. 7 from 7:45 to 11 p.m. at the Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. The event features an easy dance lesson with special guest instructor John Filcich and an evening of dance music played by the international band Chubritza and others. All ages and dance levels are welcome.

ALWAYS A BRIDESMAID The North Coast Repertory The-

atre, 300 Fifth St., Eureka, presents the comedy *Always A Bridesmaid* through Aug. 15. The play runs every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. There is one remaining Thursday evening performance on Aug. 13. Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. on Aug. 2 and 9. (707) 442-NCRT (6278), ncrt.net

ARCATA MARKET The Horn Band plays at the Arcata Farmers' Market on the Arcata Plaza this Saturday, Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

THE BANNER QUILT On Saturday, Aug. 8 beginning at 1 p.m., you are invited to the Clarke Museum, 240 E St., Eureka, for a presentation on the history of the historic Banner Quilt, presented by Bob Libershal. This historic quilt was made by the Ladies' Social Circle of Eureka in 1864 and auctioned off to raise funds for wounded Civil War soldiers. While the quilt was auctioned off, it in fact was presented to Ulysses S. Grant, the 18th President of the United States, as a gift. In 1991, Grant's descendants donated the quilt to the Clarke Museum, and is currently on display. Come find out the new information uncovered by Mr. Liebershal!

BOOK SIGNING Meet Steven T. Callan, author of *Badges, Bears and Eagles: The True-Life Adventures of a California Fish and Game Warden* at the Clarke Museum, 240 E St., Eureka, on Saturday, Aug. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. Callan is releasing another book in early 2016, *The Game Warden's Son*. All are welcome to attend.

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riment and his sweet gentility as he sticks around to pick up the pieces. In all fairness, given the amount of stage time he has, the show should be called *Bert the Chimney Sweep*.

Other notable performances include those of Carl McGahan, Larry Pitts and Tracey Barnes Priestley. George Banks' enhanced backstory and depth are perfectly brought out in the gravitas of McGahan's deep voice. Priestley's Miss Lark is funny and acerbic, a Paula Poundstone with a feather duster. Pitts' pratfalls during "A Spoonful of Sugar" are roll-in-the-aisles funny.

But it is when the ensemble and dancers take the stage in massive numbers that this production really takes off. The stage version of "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" is a show stopper. The catchy original is augmented by the addition of spell-

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ANGELS IN ACTION Connie Butler's work can be seen at Trinidad Art Gallery.

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TRINIDAD ART NIGHTS

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Constructed in 1871, the Trinidad Lighthouse is located on the southern side of the Trinidad Head, and has been recently reopened for occasional public viewing. Julie Clark will be giving living history performances throughout the opening, playing Josephine Harrington, the lighthouse keeper's wife. Music on the lawn will be provided by JD Jeffries and friends.

The Trinidad Lighthouse is accessible by trail only; wearing hiking shoes and bringing refreshments are recommended.

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Disney film. Fans of the film will be more than delighted by Ryder's spit spot-on homage. Ryder is practically perfect in every way, especially as she leaves ample room in her performance for her young co-stars to shine. Two youngsters alternate the roles of Jane Banks (Cosmo Bernstein or Haley Cress) and Michael Banks (Adam Hogue or Caleb Weiss), depending on the performance date. Cress and Weiss did a fine job, with a lot of stage presence, on opening night.

The real glue of the production is James Gadd as Bert the chimney sweep. While Gadd adopts Dick Van Dyke's terrible Cockney accent, he delivers a less clownish, more nuanced performance. With great subtlety, Gadd shows us Bert's pinning (unrequited?) love for Mary, his joie de vivre when he leads the mer-

ing and choreography inspired by both American sign language and Bollywood production numbers. Kudos to choreographer Melissa Hinz and to the entire cast for what must have taken endless hours of practice.

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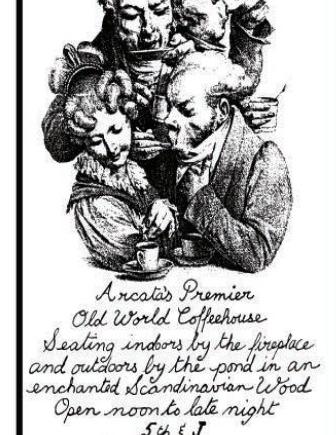
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Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night	6:30 p.m. Ocean Night	8 p.m. • Saturday Night Fever (1977)		5:30 p.m. • The Secret of NIMH (1982)		
Blondies Food & Drink 420 E. California Ave., Arcata	7 p.m. Buddy Reed	7 p.m. Open Mic Night			7 p.m. Jazz Night	7 p.m. Quiz Night	7 p.m. Human Expression Night
Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake		8 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. TBA	9 p.m. TBA	8 p.m. Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	all day Free pool		9 p.m. EZ Street	9 p.m. EZ Street	8 p.m. Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. Karaoke w/ Chris Clay
Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata			9 p.m. Ernest Ranglin	9:30 p.m. Cornmeal			
Jambalaya 915 H St., Arcata	10 p.m. WHOMP	10 p.m. Bizzare Bazaar Burning Man fundraiser	10 p.m. One Grass Two Grass	9 p.m. • Killer Ghost and Mother Vines	10 p.m. Sundaze		8 p.m. Comedy Night
Libration 761 Eighth St., Arcata		7 p.m. TBA	7 p.m. Claire Bent	7 p.m. RLA Trio			7 p.m. Buddy Reed
Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake			9 p.m. Miracle Show	9 p.m. Bump Foundation	6 p.m. Potluck dinner	all day Free pool	all day Free ping pong
Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	all day • Pints for Nonprofits – CAF	6 p.m. Blake Ritter	6 p.m. USGGO	6 p.m. Frank & Gould			6 p.m. The Low Notes
Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. No Covers		8 p.m. Joshua Kloyda		7 p.m. Cornhole	7 p.m. Blue Lotus Jazz
Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville		9 p.m. • Traveling Broke & Out of Gas	9 p.m. Joshua Kloyda	9 p.m. • SHIT Stand Up Comedy	8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. Karaoke with DJ Marv	

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Artist's hand visible at Blue Lake Art Night

BLUE LAKE ART NIGHT

PEACEABLE HAMLET — Even when artist Lynn M. Jones leaves her letterpress studio in Blue Lake to go out in the world, the art part of her brain works overtime. As she goes about her day, she says, her brain is still busy "picking out aesthetically pleasing compositions, separating the images into blocks of solid color."

Along with Arcata-based potter Autumn Almanza, who crafts colorful, functional porcelain wares, Jones is a featured artist at Blue Lake Studio, 239 Railroad Ave. in Blue Lake, for the Saturday, Aug. 8 edition of Blue Lake Art Night.

One thing Jones appreciates about her chosen medium of letterpress printing is the rough, imperfect look of linoleum block cuts. "I love how the artist's hand is visible in the cut lines of the block — it's the imperfect curves and lines that make the piece more visually interesting."

Carving a block brings, she says, a meditative focus to her otherwise hectic outside life. "I like the random texture that the linoleum block leaves in the printed color." To her, it seems to have more life than a flat screen print. "Being a bit of a control freak," Jones says, "I enjoy seeing my work all

the way through the process, not having to hand the printing off to someone else."

Among her artistic achievements, Jones was a 2014 recipient of the Victor Thomas Jacoby Award. She collaborated with artist David Lance Goines on illustrations for *Chez Panisse Café Cookbook* by Alice Waters (Harper Collins, 1999). And on her recent return to the art world after several years away, her "Lucy Sunbathing" letterpress print received rave reviews. Prints of the regionally famous cat and other works will be for sale at Blue Lake Studio during art night.

Jones first came to Arcata in 1996 as a student at Humboldt State University. "I like that although things have changed, the overall feeling of the place has stayed the same," she says. "Blue Lake is an ideal work setting. And I like being able to ride my bike to the post office and bump into three people I know."

Playing live on Blue Lake Studio's porch during August's Blue Lake Art Night are The Mad River Rounders. "Best of Three" Cider Tasting by Humboldt Cider: flight of three pours for \$6.

Companion Animal Foundation 410 Railroad Ave. — Local art.

Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way — Bawdy Blues with Frank & Gould.

Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave. — Bump Foundation at 9 p.m.

Other venues within walking distance.

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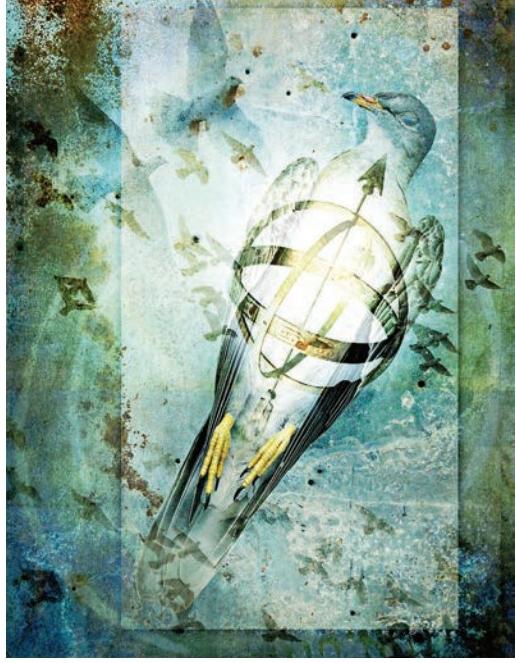


LUCY SUNBATHING Lynn Jones' letterpress print of the regionally famous cat and other works will be for sale at Blue Lake Studio during Blue Lake Art Night.

from 6 to 8 p.m. Other live music or art venues around central Blue Lake include Mad River Brewing Co., the Logger Bar and Companion Animal Foundation.



HUMBOLDT PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION The largest photography-only show in Humboldt County has announced the winners of its annual show. William Pierson took the Grand Prize (a year's subscription to Adobe's Creative Cloud) with his photo *Homage to Jackson Pollock*, left. Judge Tom Patton said the photograph "brought something familiar and made it unfamiliar" and "had me interacting to decipher the image." Also receiving awards were Bosha Struve, first place with *Angle of Repose*, right; Laura Zugzda, second place, and David Callow, third place. Several additional prizes, Awards of Excellence, were also awarded, as well as acknowledgments for Unique Vision. Forty-eight photographers are exhibiting 109 images at the Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St., Eureka, through Aug. 21. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. (707) 268-0755



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So much to do, and a petting zoo too!

Neither rain nor heat nor foggy gloom will halt the summer library programs!

To wrap up July, we had our second Friday Night Feature Film on July 31 with the film *Beats of the Antonov*, from the POV Documentary Films series by PBS. This film explores how shared music strengthens the bonds of community in the war-torn region of Sudan. This film won the People's Choice Award at the Toronto Film Festival last year, as well as the Grand Nile Prize for best feature documentary at the Luxor African Film Awards this year.

Friday Night Features continues with another movie night Friday Aug. 28 starting at 5:30 p.m. Watch this space for upcoming information.

Dance Around the World

Our first Dance Around the World event was a wonderful success, with many attendees and fantastic performers! Thank you to everyone who made it such a wonderful event.

The second Dance Around the World event was July 24 and featured live music performed by Randy Carriero on the oud (a Middle Eastern cousin to the lute and ancestor to the guitar) and a cabaret-style performance by Raquel Nelson, a member of the Ya Habibi Dance Collective. Refreshments were served, and participants had a chance to learn some dance

steps as well.

There will be a third installment of Dance Around the World Friday Aug. 21 at 2 p.m. in Azalea Hall featuring music and dancing from the United Kingdom. We have confirmed a fiddler, and hope to have Irish dance performers as well. Stay tuned for details in the next two weeks.

Story time & sleepover

Story time is every Wednesday at 1 p.m. and every week this summer features a craft activity.

The stuffed animal sleepover returns today, Aug. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.! The theme this year is Lullaby Land and we invite you to come in your pajamas for the special story time with crafts, songs, and a sleepover for stuffed animals!

Bring a favorite toy to this event, and it will stay in the library overnight. We'll have pictures for you the next day when you pick it up from the library. Check out the album, "Paws to Slumber" on our Facebook page to see pictures from last year's event.

Magic: the Gathering

It's not too late to sign up for the Saturday Aug. 8 Magic the Gathering Tournament. There will be a \$50 gift certificate from NuGames for the winner and prizes for the participants. Sign up anytime for this exciting event!

Game day & night

Our regular Board Games Day will



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be all day on Saturday Aug. 15. Come in any time to try one of our games or bring in one of your own to share.

Our regular Card Game Night will be Wednesday Aug. 19 from 5 to 8 p.m.; come polish up your skills for our next tournament!

Instrument Petting Zoo

Winema Winds will present an Instrument Petting Zoo for children and their families on Saturday, Aug. 22 at 2 p.m. There will be performances of live music, an introduction to the instruments and their role in a band, and a chance for you to hold and get to know a variety of instruments. If you have questions please contact the library.

Puppet story time

Finally, on Saturday, Aug. 29 at 1 p.m. we will have our monthly Puppet Story Time featuring stories with insects and a butterfly craft for you to take home.

Stay in touch

This summer has been a whirlwind of exciting events. Thank you all for participating, and we'll see you soon at the McKinleyville Library at 1606 Pickett Rd.

To find out what we're up to this week, visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/McKinleyvilleLibrary or give us a call (707) 839-4459.

Katrina Ehrman-Newton is branch manager of the McKinleyville Library.

Get serious with Sirius

Companion Animal Foundation invites you to join our fantastic fundraising celebration, tonight only! We are so very delighted to have Mad River Brewery host Pints for Nonprofits on behalf of animals in our community. Today, Aug. 5, come have a crisp, cold pint at 101 Taylor Way in sunny Blue Lake, and \$1 will be donated for every pint!

These donations will be made to the benefit of animals in the adoption room, as well as animal rehoming programs, our spay/neuter assistance program, feral cat programs, and to the newly-purchased 18.5 acres of land dedicated to educational programs for youth in our community.

So please, come have a drink with us tonight! CAF staff and volunteers will be present from 6 to 8 p.m. at Mad River Brewery. There will also be adoptable puppies and kittens to visit, pet tag engravings for \$4, live music and a silent auction of generously donated artwork and other marvelous treasures.

Here in the adoption yard, we still have playful pups looking for their new homes! Amongst a few wonderful Border Collie/Labrador youngsters, we also have Sirius! We're very serious about Sirius when we say he is an all-around fantastic canine companion.

CAF director Kim Class said, "Sirius just may be the best dog you'll ever have in your whole life!" An incredibly smart and sweet Retriever mix, Sirius is remarkably friendly and always checking in with the people around him. Sirius and his younger puppy pals can be visited at 88 Sunny Brae Center, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Sirius

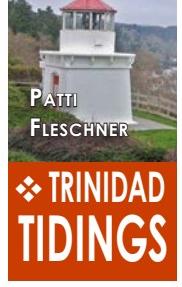
'Real Life in Timber Country' author to talk at library

Author Robert Leo Heilman will read from his book *Overstory: Zero, Real Life in Timber Country*, a collection of essays written between 1996 and 2013, on Thursday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m., Trinidad Library.

Heilman was a classmate of Bea Stanley's daughter, Mike. Bea writes that "Bob is a very engaging reader and storyteller" and the evening promises to be "entertaining and informative." All invited. No charge.

Thomas Hannah's letter on 'Pot Risks'

Tom Hannah's Trinidad and Humboldt County roots are long and deep. His father, Shirley Hannah, taught at Trinidad School



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TIDINGS

when it was a little redwood school house in the pasture off Main Street in the early 1900s. Tom Hannah's letters to the editor and columns are familiar to readers when he was a Eureka teacher and resident. Now he lives near Santa Rosa and on June 19, the *Press Democrat* printed his recent letter with the heading "Pot risks" reprinted with his permission here:

"Our federal government has wisely invested large sums of tax dollars in public health, publicizing the dangers of tobacco use. The subject of this concern is the carcinogens in tobacco, which are substances

that cause cancer. The effects of advertising by our government, with the help of the American Cancer Society, have blunted the use of tobacco. A great hypocrisy now exists as pressure continues to mount on local, state and federal agencies to legalize the use of marijuana.

Like tobacco, marijuana is inhaled through the lungs.

The same carcinogens that are in tobacco exist in marijuana. Why are public officials caving in under the mounting pressure? Unrestricted marijuana use is going to cause a monstrous future health problem.

Government agencies and area media denounce the real environmental damage

done in the regional grow areas. Where is the concern for the real future health problems?

I acknowledge the medical use of marijuana for those whose physical condition benefits from it.

Could it be that our public officials are looking at the tax revenue that would be generated by legalizing pot without considering the greater impact of it being a consequential societal blunder?"

As cities, counties and states discuss marijuana legalization, Thomas Hannah's concerns should be an important part of the debate.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net

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Solution in next week's Mad River Union

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A gregarious girl & a sturdy little walker



Parsley fits the definition of a good sport. She is always happy and easy-going, she loves to take her turn but seems to understand that others get to take a turn also.

This 5-year-old female Pit Bull Terrier mix will have been at the shelter for a whole year on Friday, Aug. 6. That seems way too long for any dog and yet Parsley greets us every day with her happy wag and bounce, eager to go for a walk or get a chance to play with her toys in the play yard.

Parsley is a sturdy girl who plays a great game of fetch, knows sit and "drop it" and loves to see how many of her favorite toys she can carry at

one time! She is housebroken and not much of a barker. She can often be found lying on her blankets out in the sunshine. Parsley is not a candidate for a home with cats, but she does like other dogs. Right after this photo was taken, another happy female dog ran right up to Parsley and put her nose on those toys! Parsley was surprised but did not react in any negative way. Toys and treats will be the best training tools for this dog.

She walks nicely on the leash, especially once the walk is under way. Someone in her past seems to have encouraged her to react to passing trucks. This could be corrected with regular walks and training, but she probably would be happier if she wasn't living right next to a busy street.

Parsley would love to meet some prospective adopters and show them just what a good and goofy girl she can be!

Oscar is about as different from Parsley as you will find at the shelter, but is special and lovable in his own ways! Oscar is a timid fellow who initially found the shelter to be a chaotic



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and scary place. He has come out of his shell with attention from staff and volunteers and has made his way to the adoptable wing, where he happily shares a kennel with another little dog. Oscar is about six years old and appears to be a Dachshund and Chihuahua mix. He is a great little walker and is actually quite comfortable around other dogs, even the big ones. Oscar is housebroken and quiet. He loves to curl up on his little bed when there is nothing else exciting to do. He doesn't have a lot of interest in toys or balls but has plenty of stamina for a good walk. He would make a great companion and will only get more cuddly as he gets comfortable with his people!

Both of these dogs are at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave, near the airport in McKinleyville.



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Marathoners to circle Humboldt Bay Sunday

HUMBOLDT BAY MARATHON

The inaugural running of the Humboldt Bay Marathon will be Sunday, Aug 9 with a full marathon, half marathon and mile run.

Wildberries Marketplace is the title sponsor of the marathon and half marathon. Hundreds of runners have already registered for these fun races, both from within Humboldt County and from across the country.

The marathon will start at 8 a.m. near Seventh and F streets in Eureka, then head south on F Street through Henderson Center and then west on Hodgson and Chester past Sequoia Park.



BY SARA STARR

The course continues on Harris past Redwood Acres and then out to Myrtle Avenue and Old Arcata Road up to Bayside. The course takes a scenic tour of Arcata via Bayside Road, Seventh Street, G Street, 10th Street and Q Street. Next, the runners will take Foster Road, Seidel Road and Jackson Ranch Road out to join Route 255 down the peninsula and across the bridges to a glorious final mile through Old Town Eureka finishing on the waterfront at the C Street Plaza.

The half marathon will start at 10 a.m. at the Arcata Plaza and follow the same course as the second half of the marathon.

The Marina Mile will feature both

competitive heats and a fun run/walk all starting and finishing at the C Street Plaza in Eureka. The competitive heats will start at 9 a.m., and the fun run/walk will start at 9:45 a.m.

Many local businesses and groups have already volunteered to help with this event.

Some are providing volunteers to staff the event and others will be sponsoring aid stations along the course.

If you or your group would like to volunteer to help with this fun event, please contact Rich Baker at director@humboldtbaymarathon.com.

Humboldt Bay Marathon is a new nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting fitness, outdoor recreation and trails in Humboldt County.

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CR STUDENTS NOW GET DISCOUNTED BUS PASSES

College of the Redwoods has teamed up with the Humboldt Transit Authority to provide CR students with half price bus passes.

Monthly passes will be available to CR students at the CR Bookstore starting Monday, Aug. 10 for the reduced price of \$29.50.

These passes are for the Redwood Transit System that operates along U.S. Highway 101 from Trinidad to Scotia.

By providing a 20 percent discount, the Humboldt Transit Authority Governing Board of Directors wanted to promote environmentally friendly transportation, and also contribute to local student

success with this cost saving initiative.

They also wanted to use the bus pass cards as a way to streamline bus service in the area, hoping to save time at stops, and also using the cards to track user rates and determine service needs.

CR has also chipped in 20 percent of the cost of the total discount, while the

Associated Students of CR (ASCR) has chipped in for an additional 10 percent of the cost.

For more information about the cards, call Crislyn Parker at CR at (707) 476-4110.

The CR Bookstore hours are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays.

RUMMAGE SALE Christ the King Catholic Church in McKinleyville is holding its annual rummage sale Friday, Aug. 7, Saturday, Aug 8, and Sunday Aug. 9. The church is located at 1951 McKinleyville Avenue just south of Hiller Road. Hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

SUPPORT GROUP Redwood Ostomy Association monthly Ostomy Support Group meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. from 2 to 4 p.m. in the C1 Conference Room at St Joseph Hospital, 2700 Dolbeer St., in Eureka. The group is open to all who have a colostomy, ileostomy or urostomy – and their family members and others who support them – to share and exchange information and support each other. Call Margot at (707) 442-2770 for information.

JOIN THE MCK CHOIR The McKinleyville Community Choir is having a potluck on Tuesday, Aug. 11, for returning members and those in the North Coast communities who would like to learn more about the choir, review the music for the coming season and learn the schedule and commitment involved. If you love to sing, this is a time to find out if MCC would be a "fit" for you. For details about the potluck, call MCC Director Robert Keiber at (707) 822-7575.

If that Aug. 11 date can't work for some who are interested, come to the choir's first practice on Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 6:30 p.m., at Grace Good Shepherd Church, 1450 Hiller Rd., McKinleyville. The fee is \$50 (scholarships available). Practices are Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with a number of performances scheduled during the holiday season. Instrumentalists are also part of the group.

EAT GOURMET, HELP CAMPERS The Mountain to the Sea Wilderness Camp will be hosting a fundraising dinner on Monday, Sept. 7 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Folie Douce, 1551 G St. in Arcata. A four-course, seasonal and organic dinner will be served. Tickets are \$50 per person excluding beverage and gratuity. All profits go towards scholarships for young girls to attend The Mountain to the Sea Wilderness Camp. Call Folie Douce at (707) 822-1042 to make your reservation.

A telegram was sent to President Nixon by the Student Legislative Council last Thursday night asking him to urge that all countries "Lay down their arms" and respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Cambodia.

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Althea 'Alfie' Jane Taylor

In the early hours of July 8, 2015, my wife of almost 50 years, Althea "Alfie" Jane (LaPlant) Taylor passed away after a 14-year journey with Alzheimer's which eroded a healthy, independent woman into a helpless, totally dependent woman incapable of initiating any function or of speaking. One only hopes that in death her soul has found release.



Althea Taylor and her husband Vic.

Althea was born in San Francisco Oct. 7, 1945 and was the only child of Marian and Freeman LaPlant. A tomboy at heart, she loved the outdoors and as a teenager was totally involved with horse activities. Her love of the outdoors continued through her active life. She was involved with Audubon for a number of years and has a fairly extensive bird list. She also liked to travel and we were fortunate to have taken many memorable vacations together. We were also in the Trinidad Lions Club together.

Althea graduated in 1963 from Charter Oak High School in Covina, Calif. She went on to earn a BS in Biological Science from Cal Poly, Pomona in 1967. Her working career began as a medical technologist then became quite varied: manufacturers' representative, partner in a reference laboratory, Park Service dispatcher at Hearst Castle, proprietor of a fine arts and decorative accents shop known as Alfie's Accents.

On behalf of Althea and myself, we want to thank the beautiful ladies that have been a part of her life and care since 2004 and who made the quality of her life so special through their dedicated care, compassion and love that she found the strength to stay with us.

Besides me (her hubby, Vic), Althea leaves behind our lovely daughter, Keri Furtado, our wonderful son-in-law Jim Furtado, and our fantastic grandkids: Justin and Jenna.

Our family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Humboldt Senior Resource Center in support of Alzheimer's patients, caregivers and families.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday, Aug. 22 from noon to 3 p.m. at the home of Jim and Keri Furtado. Please call Vic Taylor at (707) 498-0999 or email me at vataylor@suddenlink.net if you need directions.

To Alfie: Whatever lies ahead, I do not know. What I do know is that I thank you for sticking by me for almost 50 years, in good times and tough times. Goodbye, sweetheart. I love you.

— Vic Taylor

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Meth-induced rage in Mack Town

• Wednesday, July 22 4:36 p.m.

Crystal Pence apparently had too much crystal meth. According to the Sheriff's Office, she went into a meth-induced fit of rage, allegedly fighting, biting and kicking her boyfriend. A warrant has been issued for Pence's arrest on suspicion of inflicting corporal injury on a spouse.

11:10 p.m. Jeffrey Chandler allegedly broke into his mom's house on Central Avenue in McKinleyville. He was asked to leave but refused, instead locking himself into a bedroom. When deputies arrived, he resisted contact, then allegedly threatened to kill them. Chandler was arrested and booked into the county jail on suspicion of resisting arrest.

• Saturday, July 25, 7:26 p.m. Over on Dragonfly Court in McKin-

leyville, a man became very angry about a dog that came onto his property and threatened the safety of his children. So he barged into a neighbor's house and threatened to kill the menacing pooch. But there was a problem: He barged into the wrong house. The dog belongs to someone else. Report taken.

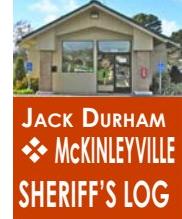
• Sunday, July 26 5:24 a.m. Over on Weirup Lane in the Calville neighborhood of McKinleyville, two under-age hoodlums were allegedly breaking into cars. Deputies saw the boys and chased them on foot through several backyards. One boy got away, while the other was apprehended, cuffed and arrested on suspicion of resisting arrest. On the way to Juvenile Hall, the boy slammed 20 Xanax and passed out. CPR and medical aid had

to be administered.

5:42 p.m. A woman believes that a man on Central Avenue in McKinleyville is responsible for her husband losing his job, so she has repeatedly called the Central Avenue residence, allegedly threatening to hurt him and his family. Report taken.

9:49 p.m. A resident on Anderson Avenue in McKinleyville came home and interrupted a burglary in progress. The suspect crawled out through the bathroom window, getting away with a purse, jewelry and women's clothing.

• Monday, July 27 1:45 a.m. A man came to the emergency room at Mad River Community Hospital in Arcata and said he was stabbed in the back by three male adults on Murray Road in McKinleyville. No additional information was available from the Sheriff's Office.



It's like we're living in a slithy tove-ocracy

• Monday, July 20 7:10 a.m. Two travelers had set up campsites in Redwood Park – one on the porch of the Scout Hut, the other right in the roadway by the basketball court.

9:20 a.m. A concerned citizen summoned an officer to the 11th Street entrance to Redwood Park to show where graffiti is "out of control," and a "path that is a thoroughfare... all night long."

11:12 a.m. There were no signs of forced entry on the locked car on I Street, posing a mystery as to how a thief got in and stole a backpack with a computer inside.

12:32 p.m. Two men and a woman with multicolored hair offered to sell a man on the Plaza a substance they referred to as "weed."

3:20 p.m. A wrong-number caller issued a stern warning to a baffled Anna Way resident: "We are on our way. You better have our stuff, or else."

4:04 p.m. After allegedly attempting to break into a Forest Avenue home with a crowbar, a burglar fled toward Camp Curtis, leaving his bicycle in someone's yard. He was next reported on West End Road headed toward the roundabout, and was subsequently arrested.

5:48 p.m. A dog had a parked motorhome all to itself for two days, and didn't seem to be in any distress.

7:06 p.m. Police were asked to stand by as someone entered a 12th Street house and photographed the interior.

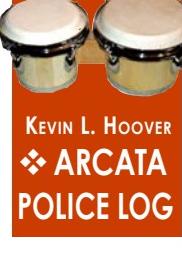
7:35 p.m. A former tenant punched a landlord's car in the Uniontown parking lot.

7:57 p.m. A laughing driver and other vehicle occupants swerved and sped at 14th and H streets.

8:42 p.m. After being stopped with shoplifted groceries at a Uniontown supermarket, a backpacker commenced yelling.

10:26 p.m. A driver in a small gray sedan roved Hallen Drive and Valley East Boulevard, launching fireworks.

• Tuesday, July 21 1:31 a.m. A McCallum Circle resident heard a loud bang, looked outside and saw a white truck with a camper shell and someone walking alongside checking car door handles as they went.



11:12 a.m. Three vehicles have been camping in and around the California Welcome Center for maybe nine months, the occupants helping themselves to water and electricity. The center's water bill last month totaled \$600.

12:10 p.m. A man with dreadlocks or hair so matted it looked like them had the brazen temerity to act aggressively toward guess who? That would be, of all innocent passersby, the well-groomed, exquisitely coiffed customers at a Valley West hair salon. At first Matty Harasso was clad only in a pair of white shorts, but then donned a black tank top and sauntered off. A report from the Sheriff's Office described someone similar, maybe the same dude, but wearing nothing other than his greasy mane.

1:46 p.m. A man was seen boldly plundering cars in the parking lot of a Valley West motel. He was chased from the premises.

1:48 p.m. Two men on the Plaza were said to be encouraging their pit bulls to fight.

2:04 p.m. A woman sitting in a car at 14th and G streets verbally harassed travelers in the area, including a pan-handling couple with children. She also stated that she "owned the entire town."

4:40 p.m. Police were asked to respond to a flower bed at Fifth and G streets, where another Yelling-American was stumbling and rumbling.

• Wednesday, July 22 12:21 a.m. Keeping a touring bicycle in a 13th Street backyard didn't save it from ever-probing, town-roving ripoff artists, and away it went.

3:16 a.m. A slithy tove in a blue hoodie, trash bag in hand to stash any loot, was seen trying car door handles in a Janes Road motel parking lot.

7:58 a.m. A black 1997 Dodge Dakota disappeared from Bayside Road overnight.

9:57 a.m. A woman loaned her key ring to someone else near the transit center, and when she got it back her car key was missing. The other person had withheld the key on the mistaken belief that the woman had possession of her bluetooth earpiece.

10:10 a.m. Reports came in of woman

passed-out drunk on a bench at the Marsh.

10:28 a.m. A cocktail party near the fabled Breakfast Club zone at the Marsh featured multiple socialites with open containers of woozy juice.

11:46 a.m. Up in Redwood Park where children's day camps were underway, seven people chugged herb near the 14th Street parking lot.

12:25 p.m. Returning from vacation, a Diamond Drive resident found that her car had been broken into and something stolen.

12:34 p.m. Howly McYellington held forth at top volume at a Valley West gas station.

2 p.m. A teal Diamondback Soren to 21-speed bike valued at \$400 was locked up and stashed under a G Street porch the previous Wednesday. The lock was cut and the bike stolen. Note: bike locks are worse than useless in a college town, since they provide an illusory sense of security even though professionals can remove even the sturdiest ones in a matter of seconds.

2:53 p.m. Someone damaged a vehicle on Fern Way in the course of breaking in to steal the registration and insurance card.

9:35 p.m. Two men were seen shining flashlights into vehicles at a G Street laundromat, on the hunt for exposed purses, backpacks, electronics and so on, which, if history is any indication, they will likely find.

• Thursday, July 23 1:18 a.m. A bike-borne Screaming-American in a green shirt rode around a Janes Road hospital's parking lot, blithering insensibily and entering restricted buildings.

8:33 a.m. A man sitting on a log pond bench at the Marsh greeted the morning with a refreshing breakfast beverage – not herbal tea, not a bracing cup of coffee, not even an invigorating fruit smoothie or fortifying protein shake. No, it was a "high gravity" 8.1 percent alcohol Steel Reserve.

9:59 a.m. A long-bearded man with blue pants and matching backpack was asked not to smoke dope near an I Street business. He responded by threatening to "break a glass bottle and put it through your neck."

10:21 a.m. A vehicle on Stewart Avenue was sprayed with a toxic substance.

Paintball | Torn iris

FROM A1

Recounted Leydon on his Facebook page: "They were driving an all-black SUV, looked like an Explorer. The paint gun had a shiny barrel that looked silver, and they were shooting green paint. The shooter was in a moving vehicle and hit me twice in about a second."

One shot struck him in his lower back, the other in his left eye. The attack tore his iris, possibly permanently damaging his eyesight. This set off a wave of nausea, vomiting and headaches that continued for days.

The Humboldt State graduate and photographer has had to rest his eyes – and his life – to allow his eye to stabilize. For an agonized week, he stayed home, his injured eye weeping and blood clouding his vision.

"I'm chilling inside," he said. "I can't read. Basically all I can do is audiobooks or TV. I've been watching a lot of horror movies."

Follow-up exams this week should give him a prognosis as to whether his full vision will be restored.

Despite his horrifying injury and an uncertain outcome, Leydon reacted with uncommon grace and humor. In an "open letter to the cowards who shot me in the eye with a paintball gun" on his Facebook page, he recounted the incident and its aftermath.

"First I screamed my tits off to make sure you knew something had gone terribly wrong. Then my traumatized girlfriend walked me home to our car. When we got to the hospital, I puked my guts out in the parking lot. The puke was from the nausea of a serious eye wound, and it's a running theme."

Leydon advised his assailants, "You can learn from this if you try. You can learn how to build up those around you. You can learn to be more focused on the moment, how to express yourself in healthy ways."

Last Saturday, Leydon offered another healing message to his attackers. "I don't hate you," he wrote. "You have worth as a person. You're probably afraid because a ton of my friends have said frightening things about justice. Ignore them. Nobody will cause more violence in my name, not gonna happen. Even if you face no repercussions for your actions, I hope you learn how to heal from this."

"I understand the impulse," he said later, empathizing with the paintballers. "I do things I'm not supposed to all the time – crazy stuff to mess with people. That's what artists do. But severely derailing someone's life doesn't create anything. Leading to a place of pain is not an impulse you should follow."

Leydon said he later learned that a similar vehicle had been spotted paintballing other people downtown.

He isn't sure how and whether his medical insurance will cover the costly medical treatment. He's started a GoFundMe page titled "Shot In The Face" to accept donations. It had garnered \$510 as of Monday morning.

One major expense he's been spared is replacement of his tits, purportedly lost at the scene as he "screamed them off" in the initial moments of the attack.

Leydon said the detached organs were recovered and returned for a nominal service charge.

"I had to go buy my tits back off some guy the next day," Leydon joked. "I talked him down to 27 cents."

The case was first investigated by Arcata Police, then taken up by Humboldt State University Police. Anyone with information about the paintball attack is asked to call Sgt. Chance Carpenter at (707) 826-5555.

Synthesizer | Unique

FROM A1

Korg MS-10 synthesizer, Green Line 6 delay unit and a black practice amp.

The theft left the musician with nothing to play his music on. "That's my instrument," he said. "It's a very unique keyboard."

A powerhouse of its time, the transistorized Korg MS-10 was released in 1979. Over its 2 1/2-key keyboard looms a 16-socket patch bay and a small sea of 20 knobs. Available waveforms include triangle, sawtooth, white noise and square/pulse.

The diminutive, disco-era synth should be immediately recognizable due to what Sargent said is its rarity in Humboldt County. He valued the loss at \$900.

Those with information are asked to contact Arcata Police at (707) 822-2428, case no. 15-2266.

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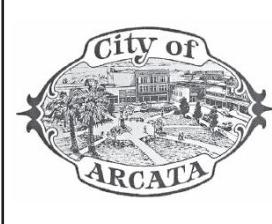
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15-00409

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15-00415

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15-00429

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THAT'S THE BEE'S NEEDS Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge invites you to Friday Night at the Refuge on Aug. 7. The first Friday of every month now through October, the refuge will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Enjoy a walk along the Shorebird Loop Trail during the evening hours and a free, natural resource related presentation at 7 p.m. at the Visitor Center. This month join Pete Haggard for "Coastal Bees and Their Needs." Learn about common local bees and what they require for survival. Bring along any insects you'd like to share or know more about. Pete Haggard retired from the Humboldt Agriculture Department. He and his wife Judy Haggard are the authors of *Insects of the Pacific Northwest* (Timber Press Field Guides). Pete is Garden chair of the North Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society. Meet at Richard J. Guadagno Headquarters & Visitor Center, 1020 Ranch Road in Loleta. (707) 733-5406, fws.gov/refuge/humboldt_bay

AUDUBON MARSH TRIP Redwood Region Audubon Society is sponsoring a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Aug. 8. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding. Meet leader Brad Elvert in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

DUNES RESTORATION Help restore the dune ecosystem on the Friends of the Dunes property on Saturday, Aug. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants will be removing invasive plants to make room for more native diversity. Tools, gloves and snacks will be provided, please bring water and wear work clothes. Meet at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. (707) 444-1397, info@friendsofthedunes.org

NATURE STORY TIME Join a Friends of the Dunes naturalist for Nature Story Time on Saturday, Aug. 8 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. Geared for ages 3 to 6, story time will feature a seasonally themed story followed by a simple craft project. To reserve a space, contact Friends of the Dunes at (707) 444-1397 or info@friendsofthedunes.org.

FOAM MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Aug. 8 at 2 p.m. Meet leader Leslie Anderson at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the birds and ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359.

AUDUBON HBNWR TRIP Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on Sunday, Aug. 9 at the Humboldt Bay National

Help the Wren-O-Meter rise for the Marsh Amphitheater!

A SLOW WEEK

Another \$800 was donated last week to Friends of the Marsh's (FOAM) Capital Campaign, bringing the total to \$8,820. The funds will help pay for a new audio-visual system for the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, plus an outdoor amphitheater for the Marsh. To help FOAM fund either or both of these projects, send a check payable to "FOAM" to P.O. Box 410, Arcata, CA 95518, with "Capital Campaign" noted in the memo line. If your donation is at least \$500, you can request that your funding be applied to the amphitheater. The amphitheater is set for completion in October, 2016. arcatamarshfriends.org



Wildlife Refuge. This is a wonderful, two- to three-hour trip for people wanting to learn the birds of the Humboldt Bay area. It takes a leisurely pace with an emphasis on enjoying the birds! Beginners are more than welcome. Meet at the Refuge Visitor Center at 9 a.m. Call Jude Power or David Fix at (707) 822-3613 for more information.

DEL NORTE SHOREBIRDING Join Redwood Region Audubon Society and the Redwood Parks Association for a free shorebirding trip in Del Norte County on Sunday, Aug. 9. Humboldt participants can meet leader Rob Fowler at 7:30 a.m. near Espresso 101 in the Valley West Shopping Center off Giuntoli Lane. Del Norte participants should meet at 9 a.m. near the public restrooms off Anchor Way in Crescent City. Participants will seek out shorebirds at Lakes Earl and Tolowa, and at the Alexandre Dairy pond in the Smith River Bottoms. Bring a lunch; the trip will last for 5-6 hours. Trip limited to 15 people so please pre-register with Susan Calla at susanecalla@gmail.com. Contact

AUDUBON MEETS Redwood Region Audubon Society will hold its monthly Conservation Meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at noon at the Golden Harvest Café in Arcata. For more information, call Jim Clark at (707) 445-8311.

MADAKET BIRDING TRIP On Sunday, Aug. 23, join expert birders David Fix, Rob Hewitt and Gary Bloomfield on one of two fundraising tours on the Madaket. Proceeds of the one-hour narrated bird-watching cruises around Humboldt Bay will benefit the nonprofit Godwit Days organization. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at godwitdays.org or by calling (707) 826-7050. The trips leave at 4 p.m. and at 5:15 p.m. from the Madaket's departure dock at the foot of C Street in Old Town Eureka. The \$25 fee includes light snacks and one drink of your choice (wine, beer, or nonalcoholic); no-host bar available. Godwit Day's sixth annual Madaket tour offers you a chance to view many types of birds, while helping to fund next spring's birding festival (April 13 to 19, 2016 at the Arcata Community Center).

Tiny House Expo set for Sept. 26

BAYSIDE – Join Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives (AHHA) Saturday, Sept. 26 for an all-day family friendly Tiny House Expo, on the grounds of the Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Bayside.

AHHA's goal is to bring affordable, doable options to Humboldt communities and immediate solutions for our homeless neighbors.

This is a chance for Humboldt to come together in support of the homeless and continue the creative and successful project begun at the first AHHA Community Forum in November of 2014.

The Tiny House Expo will be AHHA's first major fund-raising event. The Expo will be a hands on opportunity to experience affordable living options, with demonstrations of community-centered living units, such as sanctuary camps and tiny home villages. There will be food, entertainment and educational forums.

Organizers are seeking assistance and participation

Organizers are seeking assistance and participation from Humboldt businesses, educators, artists, chefs, contractors, politicians and the curious public. All are invited to participate with AHHA as it displays viable legal options for safe, warm and dry places to sleep for all residents.

AHHA welcomes your participation, talents, and energy to make this Tiny House Expo a success, and to move forward with positive solutions.

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